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FOR: A POLYNUCLEOTIDE FUNCTIONALLY CODING FOR

THE LHP PROTEIN FROM MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, ITS BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE DERIVATIVE FRAGMENTS, AS

WELL AS METHODS USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated May 19, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.